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**VIA TELECOPIER AND**  
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Re: **Albion-Sheridan Township Landfill Site**

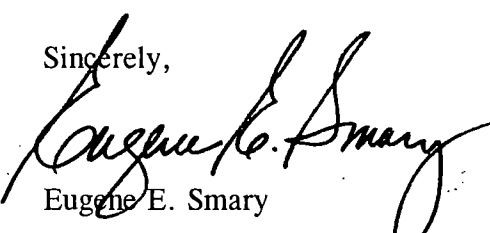
Dear Mr. Lindland:

You requested a letter regarding the willingness of Cooper Industries and Corning, Inc. to enter into settlement negotiations with other potentially responsible parties at the site. My clients are willing to participate in such settlement negotiations, but are not able to make any representations about the parameters they would consider. As you know, at our meeting on December 8th, we made a separate proposal to the agency that would involve settlement only of the agency's claims against Cooper and Corning. This proposal did not contemplate the direct participation of recalcitrant PRPs in the settlement. Indeed, one of the main virtues of the proposal, in our view, was the relative simplicity of the concept. If recalcitrants are to participate in settlement discussions, the issues will be more complex and my clients would need to know more details about the proposed settlement before they could feel comfortable making representations about their ability to participate.

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss or clarify my clients' position further.

Best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Cooper Industries  
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